(b) if so, whether Bangalore Doordarshan has also been allowed to telecast Kannada news bulletin on Bangalore Doordarshan at 8.30 p.m. daily to meet the demand of the Kannada speaking people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARJUN JAITLEY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Doordarshan Kendra, Bangalore is telecasting the national news bulletin in Hindi at 8.30 p.m. Kannada news bulletin is telecast at 7.00 p.m. as in all other regional Doordarshan Kendras.

Procedure for the Tapes Containing Rough Cuts

2533. SHRI B. P. SINGHAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that while commissioning a project, the tapes containing rough cuts are supposed to be given back by the Producers to Government;

(b) if so, whether Government will indicate the cost of tapes surrendered after the programmes have been finalized in the past five years, and the cost of tapes not surrendered as per the agreement; and

(c) whether it is a fact that by not enforcing this commitment on the part of Serial Producers a loss of around Rs. One crore per year is caused each year to Doordarshan/Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The tapes containing rough cuts are supposed to be submitted to Doordarshan for preview and returned to the producers with suggested changes, if any. The producer incorporates the changes and returns the final copies including (i) the mixed master (ii) the unmixed master to Doordarshan along with all the shooting tapes. Further, Doordharshan has intimated that all the tapes are surrendered to Doordarshan after completion of the programmes.

(c) Does not arise.